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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

**Re: Advantage Cellular Systems, Inc.
CC Docket No. 96-45
Supplement to Petition of Advantage Cellular Systems, Inc. to be Designated
as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Advantage Cellular Systems, Inc. and pursuant to Section 1.51(c)(1) of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules, enclosed for filing are an original and four (4) copies of the above referenced Supplement.

If you have any questions, please communicate directly with the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Murphy

Enclosures

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In the Matter of)
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Federal-State Joint Board on) CC Docket No. 96-45
Universal Service)
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Advantage Cellular Systems, Inc.)
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Application for Designation as an)
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier)
in the State of Tennessee)

To: Wireline Competition Bureau

SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION OF ADVANTAGE CELLULAR SYSTEMS, INC. TO BE
DESIGNATED AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER

On May 9, 2003, Advantage Cellular Systems, Inc. ("Advantage"), by its attorneys, filed with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") a Petition of Advantage Cellular Systems, Inc. to be Designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("Petition"). On page 16 of Advantage's Petition, Advantage incorrectly referred to BellSouth Telecommunications Inc. ("BellSouth") as an independent rural local exchange carrier ("LEC"). As Advantage correctly stated on Page 5 of the Petition, BellSouth is not a rural telephone company.¹

¹ See Advantage Petition at 5. "Advantage seeks ETC status for the partial study areas of BellSouth Telecommunications Inc. ("BellSouth"), Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative Inc. ("Ben Lomand"), Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative Inc. ("Bledsoe"), Dekalb Telephone Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a DTC Communications ("DTC Communications"), Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee d/b/a Frontier Communications ("Frontier"), North Central Telephone Cooperative Inc. ("North Central"), and Twin Lakes Telephone Cooperative

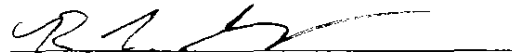
Section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,² provides that the Commission, before designating an additional eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") for an area served by a rural telephone company, must find that the designation is in the public interest. Therefore, since BellSouth is *not* a rural telephone company, the Commission need not find that Advantage's ETC designation with regards to BellSouth is in the public interest. Further, since BellSouth is not a rural telephone company, the Commission need not make a determination, pursuant to Section 214(e)(5) and Section 54.207 of the Commission's Rules,³ whether Advantage's designated ETC service area may differ from BellSouth's study area.

Advantage respectfully requests that the FCC accept this supplemental clarification and grant Advantage's Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

ADVANTAGE CELLULAR SYSTEMS, INC.

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Corporation ("Twin Lakes"). All of the above listed companies are rural telephone companies as defined in the Act, except BellSouth."

² Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996). The 1996 Act amended the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 151, et seq. ("the Act"); *see* 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(6).

³ *See* 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(5) and 47 C.F.R. § 54.207.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Joy Barksdale, hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Supplement to Petition of Advantage Cellular Systems, Inc. to be Designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier was served on June 17, 2003, by first-class United States mail, postage prepaid, on the individuals and companies listed below:

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BellSouth Telecommunications Inc.
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Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative Inc.
311 N Chancery St
P O Box 670
McMinnville, TN 37111

Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative Inc.
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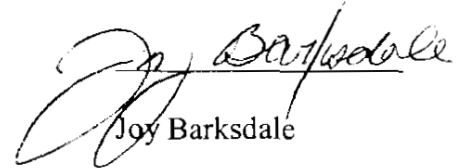
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